HIGHTOWER
CELLARS

2013 Pepper Bridge Vineyard Merlot
Walla Walla Valley AVA

- Co-Winemakers – Tim and Kelly Hightower
- Merlot 100%
- Walla Walla Valley AVA 100% (Pepper Bridge Vineyard 100%)
- New Oak 57%, Neutral Oak 43% (French 43%, American 29%, Hungarian 28%)
- Alcohol 13.5%
- Residual Sugar <0.1g/

These grapes come from one of the old blocks at Pepper Bridge Vineyard, from which we started purchasing in 1998. This may be our all-time favorite of all the Pepper Bridge wines we have made. Redolent of red and black fruit aromas with a hint of spice and chocolate. The wine finishes with a very elegant and smooth palate.

As much as possible, we take a non-interventionist approach to winemaking. We place great emphasis on vineyard selection, picking, pressing, and blending so that Hightower wines are naturally beautiful and free from pretense. We let the powerful and concentrated fruit from Red Mountain speak for itself. The result is a collection of well-balanced, nuanced wines that reveal something new and interesting each time you open a bottle. We like to think they're wines with character through and through — in how they were made, how they taste, and in the connections they inspire.

We produced 161 cases.

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